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Attorney Docket No. 14368

In re

Patent Application of:

John S. Pontaoe

Serial No.: 10/732,831

Filed: December 10, 2003

Examiner: Lavinder, Jack W


**"DEVICE FOR ADJUSTING AND LOCKING A STRAP"**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**AMENDMENT A**

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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2005. It is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be amended as set forth below.